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00:00:00 1 CHRIS CUOMO: And it gets even more
00:00:04 2 wild. Look at this. This look? Boy, is he sick
00:00:06 3 of hearing it, scratching the bicepial and
00:00:09 4 everything. That became the poster for Republican
00:00:12 5 disgust at the flow of testimony that POTUS and
00:00:14 6 pals were out for dirt on the Bidens. Man, Nunes
00:00:18 7 couldn't stand it. He was disgusted by it.
00:00:20 8 Couldn't contain it. But he sure could contain
00:00:23 9 his knowledge about those efforts. We have new
00:00:26 10 reporting that Mr. Nunes allegedly knew a lot more
00:00:30 11 than he was letting on. A lot more. Our in-house
00:00:34 12 investigator on the case, Vicky Ward, next.

13 [COMMERCIALS]

00:05:04 14 CHRIS CUOMO: All right. This is very
00:05:06 15 important. We all saw how ardently Republican
00:05:09 16 Congressman Devin Nunes defended the President
00:05:12 17 during the impeachment hearings, pivoting and
00:05:15 18 pointing to the Bidens.

00:05:19 19 DEVIN NUNES: No conspiracy theory is
00:05:20 20 too outlandish for the Democrats. You would think
00:05:24 21 they would take some interest in Burisma. And you
00:05:26 22 think they would be interested in Joe Biden. We
00:05:28 23 need to subpoena Hunter Biden. I think one of the
00:05:30 24 mothers of all conspiracy theories is that somehow
00:05:34 25 the President of the United States would want a

00:05:36 1 country that he doesn't even like, he doesn't want
00:05:38 2 to give foreign aid to, to have the Ukrainians
00:05:42 3 start an investigation into Bidens.

00:05:45 4 CHRIS CUOMO: Now, remember what he just
00:05:48 5 said, okay? That he cannot accept the idea that
00:05:51 6 the President would want Ukraine to be looking
00:05:53 7 into the Bidens. Why would he cast so much doubt
00:05:58 8 on an idea that POTUS had it out for the Bidens
00:06:01 9 and was trying to use Ukraine to do it, when he is
00:06:05 10 now allegedly a part of those efforts?

00:06:09 11 Let's bring in Vicky Ward right now.
00:06:11 12 She's got the reporting. Now, let's be very
00:06:13 13 clear. We understand from Mr. Lev Parnas' lawyer,
00:06:20 14 the man under indictment for doing certain things
00:06:23 15 with campaigns allegedly, also working with Rudy
00:06:25 16 Giuliani, maybe paying Rudy Giuliani for certain
00:06:28 17 other things. His lawyer, what does he say?

00:06:31 18 VICKY WARD: So his lawyer says that Lev
00:06:34 19 Parnas would like to come and speak to Congress --

00:06:37 20 CHRIS CUOMO: Mm hmm.

00:06:37 21 VICKY WARD: -- and that he would say to
00:06:39 22 Congress, were he given the opportunity, that last
00:06:43 23 December, Devin Nunes, the Senior Republican
00:06:47 24 presiding over the impeachment hearings, went to
00:06:50 25 Vienna and met with Viktor Shokin.

00:06:54 1 CHRIS CUOMO: Viktor Shokin, the person
 00:06:56 2 who was the prosecutor for Ukraine, that Ukraine
 00:06:59 3 and everybody in the United States wanted out for
 00:07:02 4 not investigating corruption?

00:07:04 5 VICKY WARD: Correct. And who was fired
 00:07:06 6 in 2016 under pressure by many Western leaders,
 00:07:12 7 including our then-Vice President, Joe Biden. He
 00:07:16 8 has an axe to grind against the Bidens. Viktor
 00:07:18 9 Shokin is the man who has claimed to have dirt on
 00:07:23 10 Joe and Hunter Biden. He has claimed to have
 00:07:26 11 evidence that Ukraine meddled in our elections.

00:07:28 12 CHRIS CUOMO: Reportedly met with Rudy
 00:07:30 13 Giuliani, Mr. Shokin?

00:07:31 14 VICKY WARD: He's -- absolutely. So
 00:07:32 15 Shokin --

00:07:32 16 CHRIS CUOMO: Rudy Giuliani wanted to
 00:07:33 17 get him a pass to come to the United States, and
 00:07:35 18 it was denied.

00:07:36 19 VICKY WARD: Absolutely correct.

00:07:37 20 CHRIS CUOMO: All right. So next big
 00:07:38 21 question: how do we know that Nunes met with
 00:07:42 22 Shokin?

00:07:43 23 VICKY WARD: So it gets interesting. So
 00:07:44 24 Shokin tells Lev Parnas, Rudy Giuliani's associate
 00:07:50 25 who's Ukraine-born, and what's interesting is that

00:07:53 1 Nunes comes back and tries to recruit Lev Parnas.
00:07:57 2 He does recruit Lev Parnas to merge his effort,
00:08:01 3 his and Rudy Giuliani's investigations, with his.
00:08:05 4 He has an aide meet with Lev Parnas, and they
00:08:10 5 discuss how to reach out to various Ukraine
00:08:14 6 prosecutors who might have information on the
00:08:17 7 Bidens.

00:08:17 8 CHRIS CUOMO: All right. So hold on a
00:08:18 9 second. This is a lot. So Devin Nunes, who's at
00:08:22 10 the hearing, and -- I'm sorry, but I'm learning
00:08:25 11 this from you.

00:08:25 12 VICKY WARD: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

00:08:25 13 CHRIS CUOMO: You know, this is new
00:08:26 14 reporting. Devin Nunes at the hearing saying,
00:08:29 15 this is crazy that the President would want
00:08:31 16 Ukraine to look at the Bidens. The prosecutor who
00:08:34 17 was the one at the center of all the controversy -
00:08:36 18 -

00:08:36 19 VICKY WARD: Right.

00:08:36 20 CHRIS CUOMO: -- met with Nunes in
00:08:38 21 Vienna --

00:08:38 22 VICKY WARD: Right.

00:08:39 23 CHRIS CUOMO: -- last December. So
00:08:40 24 before all this other stuff that they're saying
00:08:43 25 was just about one phone call.

00:08:43 1 VICKY WARD: Way before.

00:08:44 2 CHRIS CUOMO: Months before. Shokin

00:08:46 3 then tells Parnas, the shady guy at the center --

00:08:48 4 VICKY WARD: Right.

00:08:49 5 CHRIS CUOMO: -- of all this, and then

00:08:51 6 Nunes' staffer meets with Parnas?

00:08:55 7 VICKY WARD: But so does Nunes. Nunes

00:08:57 8 meets with Parnas. Nunes speaks to Parnas --

00:08:59 9 CHRIS CUOMO: About dirt on the Bidens?

00:09:01 10 VICKY WARD: -- several times. Yes.

00:09:03 11 They're asked to merge operations essentially. So

00:09:05 12 in other words, you know, this whole impeachment,

00:09:08 13 Chris, is about a shadow foreign policy --

00:09:12 14 CHRIS CUOMO: Right.

00:09:13 15 VICKY WARD: -- that Devin Nunes appears

00:09:14 16 to have, and some involvement in.

00:09:16 17 CHRIS CUOMO: So he knew it was going

00:09:18 18 on.

00:09:18 19 VICKY WARD: So --

00:09:18 20 CHRIS CUOMO: He knew they were looking

00:09:19 21 for dirt on the Bidens.

00:09:19 22 VICKY WARD: Right. He is a drama in

00:09:22 23 the -- in this play himself, and he -- and yet he

00:09:25 24 has not told anyone about this.

00:09:27 25 CHRIS CUOMO: All right. So sourcing

00:09:29 1 becomes everything. This comes from Parnas'

00:09:31 2 lawyer, all right?

00:09:32 3 VICKY WARD: Right.

00:09:33 4 CHRIS CUOMO: That this is what Parnas

00:09:33 5 wants to testify to.

00:09:35 6 VICKY WARD: Yes.

00:09:35 7 CHRIS CUOMO: So now, you got to reach

00:09:36 8 out to the parties. You got to go to Nunes. What

00:09:39 9 does Nunes say?

00:09:40 10 VICKY WARD: Right. I'm going to -- so

00:09:41 11 we've been trying to actually get in front of

00:09:43 12 Nunes in person.

00:09:44 13 CHRIS CUOMO: Mm hmm.

00:09:45 14 VICKY WARD: Two of my colleagues went

00:09:47 15 to see him on the Hill, and --

00:09:48 16 CHRIS CUOMO: Did they gave him

00:09:49 17 information about why?

00:09:50 18 VICKY WARD: They absolutely did, and

00:09:52 19 this is Nunes -- exact word for word what Nunes

00:09:54 20 said. "To be perfectly clear, I don't acknowledge

00:09:57 21 any questions from you in this lifetime or the

00:10:00 22 next lifetime."

00:10:01 23 CHRIS CUOMO: "To be perfectly clear, I

00:10:03 24 don't acknowledge any questions from you in this

00:10:06 25 lifetime or the next lifetime." Knowing how

00:10:09 1 central this consideration is to what's going on
00:10:13 2 in the impeachment right now, he won't even say
00:10:16 3 it's not true?

00:10:17 4 VICKY WARD: Right.

00:10:17 5 CHRIS CUOMO: All right. Now, Viktor
00:10:19 6 Shokin, okay?

00:10:19 7 VICKY WARD: Yes.

00:10:21 8 CHRIS CUOMO: What is the chance of
00:10:22 9 getting to him on this? Because obviously he can
00:10:24 10 confirm or deny also.

00:10:26 11 VICKY WARD: Well, I -- you know, I have
00:10:27 12 his phone number. So I've texted him. I've got
00:10:30 13 to him. We've reached out to him. He's not
00:10:32 14 talking.

00:10:33 15 CHRIS CUOMO: So everyone's getting a
00:10:33 16 chance to respond. They know what the story is.
00:10:35 17 They know what the allegations are.

00:10:36 18 VICKY WARD: Right.

00:10:37 19 CHRIS CUOMO: And we're hanging this on
00:10:39 20 Parnas' lawyer. So theoretically, Parnas would
00:10:41 21 say the same thing, but you're just hearing it
00:10:43 22 from his lawyer?

00:10:43 23 VICKY WARD: Correct.

00:10:45 24 CHRIS CUOMO: Parnas wants to testify,
00:10:46 25 and the lawyer is saying this is what it would be

00:10:48 1 about.

00:10:48 2 VICKY WARD: And he has, by the way,

00:10:49 3 actually been subpoenaed.

00:10:50 4 CHRIS CUOMO: Right. So --

00:10:52 5 VICKY WARD: But there's an issue,

00:10:53 6 Chris, remember, because he's under indictment by

00:10:56 7 the Southern District, so his lawyer would like

00:10:58 8 him to be given essentially immunity to speak

00:11:01 9 freely.

00:11:02 10 CHRIS CUOMO: Well, all right. Let's

00:11:03 11 think this through. You've been thinking about

00:11:04 12 this a lot --

00:11:04 13 VICKY WARD: Yeah.

00:11:04 14 CHRIS CUOMO: -- I know with your team.

00:11:06 15 Why would Nunes say it is preposterous -- or

00:11:09 16 whatever word he used, ludicrous, something bad --

00:11:11 17 to think that the President would want Ukraine to

00:11:14 18 look into the Bidens, when evidentially he knew

00:11:18 19 Rudy was looking into the Bidens, and he was

00:11:19 20 trying to get Ukrainians to do it, right?

00:11:21 21 VICKY WARD: Right. Right, right,

00:11:21 22 right, right.

00:11:22 23 CHRIS CUOMO: Parnas and Fruman are

00:11:24 24 Americans, but they're Ukrainian-born, right?

00:11:26 25 VICKY WARD: Yes, yes, yes.

00:11:27 1 CHRIS CUOMO: And then he -- don't --
00:11:28 2 shouldn't he have disclosed --
00:11:29 3 VICKY WARD: Well --
00:11:29 4 CHRIS CUOMO: -- that he went over to
00:11:31 5 Vienna --
00:11:31 6 VICKY WARD: -- I think -- I think --
00:11:31 7 CHRIS CUOMO: -- Austria to meet with
00:11:32 8 Shokin?
00:11:33 9 VICKY WARD: Well, what's so intriguing,
00:11:36 10 for want of a better word, about his whole trip
00:11:39 11 was the timing of it. And in fact his aide, Derek
00:11:43 12 Harvey, told Lev Parnas that the timing of it was
00:11:47 13 very deliberate. It was done right after the
00:11:50 14 Republicans lost the House in the midterms, but
00:11:53 15 before the Democrats took over --
00:11:56 16 CHRIS CUOMO: Why?
00:11:56 17 VICKY WARD: -- in January. Because
00:11:57 18 once the Democrats took over, he would have had ex
00:12:00 19 -- he would have had to disclose the details of
00:12:02 20 it. So this is why nobody has known, until now,
00:12:07 21 what Devin Nunes was doing last December, or --
00:12:11 22 the only thing -- the --
00:12:12 23 CHRIS CUOMO: So we don't know that the
00:12:13 24 committee was told about his actions?
00:12:15 25 VICKY WARD: No. The only thing that's

00:12:17 1 reported in the Congressional record is that he
00:12:20 2 and Derek Harvey and two other aides went to
00:12:22 3 Europe.

00:12:23 4 CHRIS CUOMO: But they don't say who
00:12:23 5 they met with?

00:12:24 6 VICKY WARD: No. And this was quite
00:12:25 7 deliberate, according to my reporting, according
00:12:29 8 to the lawyer speaking for Parnas. Derek Harvey,
00:12:34 9 the aide, told Parnas that the timing was done
00:12:37 10 deliberately to keep it undercover.

00:12:40 11 CHRIS CUOMO: Vicky Ward, thank you for
00:12:42 12 the reporting. Thank you for working it. Look,
00:12:44 13 we want it fair. Mr. Shokin, if you're listening,
00:12:47 14 tell us what happened. Mr. Nunes, this is about
00:12:49 15 the truth. Come on and tell us what happened.
00:12:52 16 Don't say you're not going to answer the
00:12:53 17 questions. You have to. That's your position.
00:12:55 18 Vicky Ward, thank you so much.

00:12:57 19 VICKY WARD: Thank you, Chris.

00:12:57 20 CHRIS CUOMO: Appreciate it. Have a
00:12:58 21 very good weekend.

00:12:59 22 VICKY WARD: And you.

00:13:00 23 CHRIS CUOMO: This is -- cannot make it
00:13:02 24 up. All right. We are going to pick this up with
00:13:04 25 a Democrat who was vice chair of one of the

00:13:06 1 impeachment committees, but resigned amid a probe
00:13:09 2 of her in Congress. Katie Hill. Still fighting
00:13:13 3 back against what she calls a coordinated smear
00:13:16 4 campaign to get her out. But one smear campaign
00:13:20 5 at a time. We have to deal with what we just
00:13:22 6 learned from Vicky Ward, what we learned about in
00:13:24 7 the Inspector General Report, and what is the
00:13:26 8 future for former Congresswoman Hill, all next.

9 [COMMERCIALS]

00:17:11 10 CHRIS CUOMO: All right. There's a lot
00:17:12 11 of news tonight. This President is soon to be
00:17:15 12 confronted with a DOJ Inspector General Report
00:17:18 13 that is going to make the idea that the Russia
00:17:20 14 probe was a witch-hunt just something that can't
00:17:22 15 be said with any truth to it anymore.

00:17:24 16 And then this big report from Vicky Ward
00:17:27 17 coming from the lawyer of this guy, Lev Parnas,
00:17:29 18 one of these indicted associates of Giuliani, that
00:17:34 19 Devin Nunes reportedly met with this former
00:17:38 20 Ukraine prosecutor at the center of all the Biden
00:17:40 21 scandal. Let's bring in former Democratic
00:17:43 22 Congresswoman Katie Hill of California. Welcome
00:17:47 23 back to Prime Time.

00:17:48 24 KATIE HILL: Hi, how are you?

00:17:49 25 CHRIS CUOMO: Can you believe this --

00:17:51 1 help me understand this Vicky Ward reporting.
00:17:54 2 Devin Nunes -- I guess being chairman you don't
00:17:56 3 have to tell people what you're going, but putting
00:18:00 4 in the record, I'm going to Vienna with a couple
00:18:01 5 of staffers, and you know you're investigating all
00:18:04 6 this Ukraine stuff, and you don't mention that you
00:18:06 7 met with the guy at the center of the whole
00:18:08 8 situation?

00:18:09 9 KATIE HILL: Well, look, the timing is
00:18:10 10 very, very clear. He did this right after the
00:18:13 11 Democrats won the House --

00:18:14 12 CHRIS CUOMO: Right.

00:18:14 13 KATIE HILL: -- and before they took
00:18:16 14 control --

00:18:16 15 CHRIS CUOMO: Right.

00:18:16 16 KATIE HILL: -- so he could get away
00:18:17 17 with this. You know, I think what this shows
00:18:20 18 clearer than anything is that you do not have an
00:18:23 19 unbiased, you know, set of Republicans who are
00:18:28 20 involved in deciding when this is --

00:18:28 21 CHRIS CUOMO: But he had to know that we
00:18:30 22 were going to find out. It's not like these
00:18:31 23 players are exactly, you know, lock lipped, you
00:18:34 24 know, these guys that we're dealing with. And he
00:18:37 25 sat in the hearings, Katie, I don't know how much

00:18:39 1 of him you saw, but --

00:18:39 2 KATIE HILL: Oh, yeah.

00:18:40 3 CHRIS CUOMO: Every time they'd bring up

00:18:41 4 the President wanted Ukraine to get dirt on the

00:18:43 5 Bidens, he was, oh, man. I can't believe. And he

00:18:46 6 even said, I can't believe, you know, and in some

00:18:50 7 words, that you guys would think this was

00:18:52 8 possible, when he knew damn well that he was

00:18:54 9 trying to --

00:18:54 10 KATIE HILL: He was doing it.

00:18:54 11 CHRIS CUOMO: Unless Parnas' lawyer --

00:18:54 12 KATIE HILL: Yeah.

00:18:56 13 CHRIS CUOMO: -- is lying --

00:18:56 14 KATIE HILL: No.

00:18:57 15 CHRIS CUOMO: -- because Shokin hasn't

00:18:57 16 confirmed it yet, and Nunes says he won't answer

00:18:59 17 any questions.

00:18:59 18 KATIE HILL: No.

00:18:59 19 CHRIS CUOMO: But that Giuliani was

00:19:01 20 trying to do it, and he was trying to loop in Lev

00:19:04 21 Parnas with Giuliani's efforts with his staff to

00:19:07 22 try to get dirt on the Bidens.

00:19:08 23 KATIE HILL: Look, I don't know if he

00:19:09 24 thought he would never get found out, but you know

00:19:11 25 he is going to deny it until the day he dies.

00:19:14 1 Either way, he's going to spin it as if this is a
00:19:16 2 witch-hunt on him now too. So, you know, I don't
00:19:18 3 think that this is going to change their story
00:19:20 4 regardless.

00:19:21 5 It's just -- it -- what -- this is where
00:19:23 6 we're at, unfortunately, with Republicans right
00:19:26 7 now, is that there is zero shame in lying, just
00:19:29 8 straight up lying constantly. And, you know, I --
00:19:32 9 we saw that throughout the entire set of hearings.
00:19:34 10 We saw that with what he's doing now --

00:19:37 11 CHRIS CUOMO: Mm.

00:19:37 12 KATIE HILL: -- and we're going to
00:19:38 13 continue to see that, so we have to make sure that
00:19:40 14 the American people have the facts, and hopefully
00:19:43 15 people are able to look into their own souls and
00:19:45 16 figure out what's true and what's not.

00:19:46 17 CHRIS CUOMO: Right. I mean, you know,
00:19:48 18 my one pushback is, this group of Republicans.

00:19:51 19 KATIE HILL: Oh, 100 percent. And you
00:19:52 20 know what, my dad's a Republican.

00:19:52 21 CHRIS CUOMO: You know, I mean, because
00:19:53 22 you know, I'm sure we both know -- yeah.

00:19:53 23 KATIE HILL: Yeah. No.

00:19:53 24 CHRIS CUOMO: Yeah. I got a lot of
00:19:54 25 Republicans in my life --

00:19:54 1 KATIE HILL: No, no, no.

00:19:55 2 CHRIS CUOMO: -- and they do not go for

00:19:56 3 this stuff.

00:19:57 4 KATIE HILL: No.

00:19:57 5 CHRIS CUOMO: They were --

00:19:57 6 KATIE HILL: No, this is completely

00:19:58 7 different.

00:19:58 8 CHRIS CUOMO: -- the party of -- they

00:19:59 9 used to come after you guys.

00:20:00 10 KATIE HILL: Oh, yeah.

00:20:00 11 CHRIS CUOMO: You don't respect

00:20:01 12 institutions enough --

00:20:02 13 KATIE HILL: National security.

00:20:02 14 CHRIS CUOMO: -- you don't respect the

00:20:03 15 government enough.

00:20:04 16 KATIE HILL: This is the thing that I --

00:20:05 17 we used to be -- I -- you know, and I still do

00:20:07 18 separate myself from a fair amount of Democrats

00:20:09 19 on. I am very, very strong when it comes to

00:20:11 20 national security.

00:20:11 21 CHRIS CUOMO: Mm.

00:20:12 22 KATIE HILL: I come from a defense

00:20:12 23 background. My family, you know, my brother's

00:20:15 24 currently serving in the Navy, and that's my

00:20:17 25 District. But we -- you know, that's what

00:20:19 1 Republicans used to be, right?

00:20:19 2 CHRIS CUOMO: Mm.

00:20:21 3 KATIE HILL: That's -- that was the

00:20:22 4 entire thing, was how are we --

00:20:23 5 CHRIS CUOMO: Right.

00:20:23 6 KATIE HILL: -- standing up to things

00:20:25 7 like our, you know, our national security when it

00:20:27 8 comes to Russia.

00:20:27 9 CHRIS CUOMO: Yeah, like Russia.

00:20:27 10 KATIE HILL: Yeah.

00:20:27 11 CHRIS CUOMO: So they say the Russia

00:20:28 12 probe's a hoax. Now we have reporting that says

00:20:31 13 the Inspector General's Report is come out, is

00:20:33 14 going to say, look, a low-level guy messed with

00:20:34 15 Carter Page's FISA application. We believe the

00:20:37 16 report says didn't change the fundamental accuracy

00:20:39 17 of it. I showed everybody how thick those things

00:20:40 18 are, and what one document does or doesn't mean in

00:20:43 19 it. But it supposedly concludes no hoax, you

00:20:47 20 know, not a witch-hunt, that this was done with

00:20:49 21 integrity.

00:20:49 22 KATIE HILL: Mm hmm.

00:20:50 23 CHRIS CUOMO: What does that mean

00:20:51 24 ultimately? Does it kill the Russia didn't

00:20:54 25 interfere BS once and for all, or you think you'll

00:20:57 1 still hear it?

00:20:57 2 KATIE HILL: I think you're going to

00:20:58 3 continue to hear it. I really do.

00:20:59 4 CHRIS CUOMO: We heard it from the

00:20:57 5 President today.

00:21:00 6 KATIE HILL: Yeah.

00:20:59 7 CHRIS CUOMO: That was a stupid

00:21:00 8 question.

00:21:00 9 KATIE HILL: No, I mean, I think you're

00:21:01 10 going to continue to hear it. I don't think -- I

00:21:03 11 think one thing that the Republicans, again, this

00:21:06 12 group of Republicans in Washington --

00:21:07 13 CHRIS CUOMO: Mm.

00:21:07 14 KATIE HILL: -- that have aligned

00:21:08 15 themselves with the President do not care about

00:21:10 16 the truth, and they think that their best strategy

00:21:13 17 is to just look Americans directly in the eye --

00:21:16 18 CHRIS CUOMO: Mm.

00:21:16 19 KATIE HILL: -- and tell them bold-faced

00:21:18 20 lies, and hope that they convince them. I mean,

00:21:20 21 it's gas lighting, plain and simple.

00:21:21 22 CHRIS CUOMO: Well, I'll tell you what.

00:21:22 23 They don't even need to do it. Because they can

00:21:23 24 admit that what the President did was wrong, he

00:21:25 25 shouldn't have done it this way, he shouldn't have

00:21:27 1 involved Rudy Giuliani, he should have gone to the
00:21:29 2 DOJ if he wanted the Biden's investigator, or did
00:21:32 3 what Lindsey Graham is doing now, and they can
00:21:34 4 still make a good-faith argument about this not
00:21:37 5 being worthy of removal. Let me ask you
00:21:38 6 something, strategically --

00:21:38 7 KATIE HILL: I don't know about good
00:21:39 8 faith, but --

00:21:40 9 CHRIS CUOMO: Well, I mean, you can say
00:21:41 10 it just doesn't rise to the level for me because -
00:21:43 11 -

00:21:43 12 KATIE HILL: If it doesn't, then what
00:21:44 13 does? Is there ever going to be something that
00:21:46 14 they think that Congress should use its power of
00:21:49 15 impeachment on? If this isn't it, then what on
00:21:51 16 earth is?

00:21:51 17 CHRIS CUOMO: Mm.

00:21:52 18 KATIE HILL: Whether you're a Democrat
00:21:53 19 or a Republican in the White House, there has to
00:21:55 20 be some kind of a line, and I -- I mean, are you
00:21:58 21 telling me that what Bill Clinton did is
00:22:00 22 impeachable to Republicans but this is not? I
00:22:03 23 just don't believe it. I don't buy that this is
00:22:04 24 something even for a second that they truly
00:22:07 25 believe is not an impeachable offense. They're

00:22:09 1 just full of it.

00:22:09 2 CHRIS CUOMO: In a Republican they

00:22:10 3 don't.

00:22:10 4 KATIE HILL: Yeah. No.

00:22:10 5 CHRIS CUOMO: Look, the best argument

00:22:11 6 they have is that when the Democrats argue, hey,

00:22:13 7 look, you don't get to walk away just because you

00:22:15 8 fail at the crime you attempt. That's true.

00:22:17 9 KATIE HILL: Right.

00:22:17 10 CHRIS CUOMO: You shoot at me and you

00:22:18 11 miss. You don't get to go home.

00:22:18 12 KATIE HILL: Yeah.

00:22:19 13 CHRIS CUOMO: But you don't get the

00:22:19 14 death penalty either.

00:22:20 15 KATIE HILL: No.

00:22:20 16 CHRIS CUOMO: And I think that that's

00:22:21 17 going to be the argument you guys have. Do you

00:22:23 18 think the Democrats should continue -- should

00:22:26 19 consider a deal to shorten this process when you

00:22:30 20 know you're not going to get removal?

00:22:31 21 KATIE HILL: No. I don't think so at

00:22:32 22 all. I think what we have to show in the House is

00:22:34 23 that there are people who have been elected, just

00:22:37 24 like happened in 2018, who are going to ensure

00:22:40 25 accountability. That's why you have a House of

00:22:42 1 Representatives that turned over because now Nunes
00:22:45 2 is not the chairman. Adam Schiff is.

00:22:47 3 CHRIS CUOMO: Mm.

00:22:47 4 KATIE HILL: And what I think we have to
00:22:48 5 show is that the Senate is full of those same
00:22:51 6 Republicans who are going to continue to let Trump
00:22:53 7 or any other President that they feel like
00:22:55 8 benefits them politically --

00:22:57 9 CHRIS CUOMO: Right.

00:22:57 10 KATIE HILL: -- do whatever they want.

00:22:58 11 So you need to get people in -- with an actual
00:23:00 12 integrity in the Senate and in charge as well.

00:23:02 13 CHRIS CUOMO: All right. You got a good
00:23:03 14 head about everybody else. Let's talk about you
00:23:05 15 now. Do you have any second thoughts about
00:23:09 16 resigning?

00:23:09 17 KATIE HILL: I mean, listen, it was the
00:23:09 18 toughest decision I've ever made. I know that it
00:23:12 19 was the right one for, you know, for my family,
00:23:14 20 for myself, for my staff. I think -- I even think
00:23:17 21 that -- I would hate to think that I was giving
00:23:21 22 them any kind of ammunition to distract from
00:23:24 23 what's been going on these last few weeks, and the
00:23:25 24 fact that I was not there made them not have that
00:23:29 25 opportunity. So I feel like it was the right

00:23:31 1 move, but no, it's absolutely something that is,
00:23:34 2 you know -- it's (indiscernible).

00:23:34 3 CHRIS CUOMO: Well, but you cost the
00:23:35 4 Party, you cost your own opportunity, and also it
00:23:37 5 wound up becoming a flash point in terms of, well,
00:23:41 6 where are we in terms of appropriate conduct and
00:23:44 7 not, and what we enforce and what we inform.
00:23:46 8 Alyssa Milano, who you know very well --

00:23:48 9 KATIE HILL: Mm.

00:23:48 10 CHRIS CUOMO: -- is very strong on
00:23:50 11 accountability on what has come under the umbrella
00:23:53 12 of Me Too, but just really about decency in
00:23:55 13 humanity.

00:23:55 14 KATIE HILL: Yep.

00:23:56 15 CHRIS CUOMO: Here's what she said about
00:23:56 16 you.

00:23:59 17 ALYSSA MILANO: I don't feel it was the
00:24:00 18 right move. I feel that there is incredible
00:24:04 19 hypocrisy that goes on, and if Katie Hill were a
00:24:06 20 man who was in a consensual relationship with
00:24:11 21 another man and a woman that this would be a very
00:24:14 22 different outcome.

00:24:16 23 CHRIS CUOMO: So of course she's
00:24:18 24 supporting you, but she's saying that you are
00:24:20 25 giving cover to people who make the wrong

00:24:22 1 decisions, because this is not the way it would
00:24:25 2 have gone if it were a man. So you're basically
00:24:28 3 reinforcing the wrong dynamic. You should have
00:24:30 4 stayed and fought.

00:24:31 5 KATIE HILL: Oh, no. I don't think it's
00:24:32 6 reinforcing it. If anything, it's saying that
00:24:34 7 this is what the standard should be, right?

00:24:35 8 CHRIS CUOMO: Mm.

00:24:35 9 KATIE HILL: And this is the standard
00:24:36 10 that we should hold everybody to. I think what I
00:24:38 11 have to do now is figure out what my next move is
00:24:40 12 to ensure that the lessons that are learned from
00:24:43 13 what happened to me are not ones that we -- that
00:24:45 14 can be repeated. So, you know, cyber exploitation
00:24:48 15 is something that is relatively new.

00:24:50 16 It has not been touched on a federal
00:24:53 17 level in terms of laws that are going to address
00:24:55 18 the issue. It's one that I heard over and over
00:24:57 19 again from young women that I just -- I -- even at
00:24:59 20 that point, I didn't even fully understand. But I
00:25:02 21 think it's something that we're going to have to
00:25:03 22 take on in a meaningful way, and that I hope that
00:25:06 23 my own experiences can lend to that effort.

00:25:08 24 CHRIS CUOMO: Will you run again?

00:25:10 25 KATIE HILL: You know, I'm not writing

00:25:11 1 anything off. I'm not running anytime soon. I
00:25:13 2 can tell you that much. And I'm supporting the
00:25:15 3 person who is running to replace me, Christy
00:25:17 4 Smith, without everything that I've got.

00:25:19 5 CHRIS CUOMO: But politics, could it
00:25:21 6 still very well be in your future, you're not
00:25:22 7 giving me a no.

00:25:23 8 KATIE HILL: I'm not giving you a no.

00:25:25 9 CHRIS CUOMO: All right. Katie Hill,
00:25:26 10 it's good to have you back. I appreciate you
00:25:28 11 talking about all these things, and about your own
00:25:29 12 situation.

00:25:30 13 KATIE HILL: Thank you.

00:25:30 14 CHRIS CUOMO: I know it's sensitive, but
00:25:31 15 it's important for people to process why you did
00:25:33 16 it and what it means. It's an ongoing dialogue.

00:25:35 17 KATIE HILL: Absolutely. Thanks so much
00:25:36 18 for having me.

00:25:37 19 CHRIS CUOMO: Best to you. I'll see you
00:25:38 20 again soon.

00:25:38 21 KATIE HILL: You too.

00:25:39 22 CHRIS CUOMO: All right. So our
00:25:40 23 President loves to decry anything he doesn't like
00:25:43 24 as fake news. In fact, he's at it again. And his
00:25:46 25 pals in Congress are happy to help him, but don't

00:25:49 1 miss our argument on this Friday night. And also,
00:25:53 2 don't miss a special CNN report, All The
00:25:56 3 President's Lies, that airs Sunday at 9:00 p.m.
00:25:59 4 Eastern. I'll see you back here in a second.

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